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City of Bastrop Names Interim Fire Chief and Information Technology Director

Bastrop County, Texas – September 7, 2018 – The City of Bastrop today announced Andres Rosales has been selected as Interim Fire Chief by Public Safety Director James Altgelt. The official appointment was made at last night's monthly departmental operational meeting at Fire Station #1. Additionally, Jesse Miga was named as Interim Director of Information Technology.

Rosales has worked for several agencies, beginning his career as a dispatcher, then working as a certified EMS medic and firefighter, a patrol officer and most recently as a Reserve Police Officer with Bastrop Police Department and Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief for Bastrop Emergency Services District #2. He has served Bastrop County, the community and the City of Bastrop in some capacity since 2007, including as the City of Bastrop's Director of Information Technology since 2012.

"After receiving feedback from the Fire Department employees and volunteers and putting thoughtful consideration into who could best align with the department and the City's mission, vision and goals, I believe Andres is the best candidate to guide the department on an interim basis," said Public Safety Director Altgelt.

Having worked in public safety his entire career, Rosales has received several awards and commendations including the Community Policing Award as well as the Civic Achievement Award, given by the Bastrop Police Department in 2011. Rosales was also named the 2014 Firefighter of the Year by the Bastrop Fire Department. Earlier in his career, Rosales received a Certificate of Valor and the Fire Chief's Award by Wolfworth Fire & EMS.

"I am pleased with Chief Altgelt's decision to promote Andres Rosales as Interim Fire Chief; Andres is a rare individual, who has the DNA of a true public servant," said City Manager Lynda Humble. "I have no doubt that Andres will do a great job in his new role."

Rosales completed his Professional Development Series in Emergency Management and has a HAM Radio license. He holds numerous certifications including Basic-EMT, Fire Instructor 1, FEMA All Hazards Safety Officer and Operations Sections and Planning Chief, Texas Peace Officer, Intermediate Structure Firefighter, SFFMA Driver and Operator, American Heart Association BLS Instructor and Basic Wildland Firefighter.

“I believe my unique perspective will be a tremendous asset to the Department. From understanding the technological needs required in the Fire Department, to being an integral part of the City’s management team, supporting both sides of the critical partnership we have with ESD #2, I am ready to rise to this challenge,” said Interim Fire Chief Rosales. “I am honored to serve the City of Bastrop, our customers and our volunteers, families and employees of the Bastrop Fire Department during this interim period.”

For almost a year, the exemplary work ethic, leadership style and efforts of Rosales in the role of Director of Information Technology has been closely observed by the City’s IT System Administrator, Jesse Miga. Miga brings more than 11 years of experience with municipal data systems and 14 years of experience in server/PC administration and maintenance. He previously worked for the cities of Lewisville and Marshall.

“Jesse Miga will serve as our Interim Director of Information Technology so Interim Chief Rosales can focus his efforts on his new role in the Bastrop Fire Department,” said Altgelt. “We knew that Jesse was a tremendous asset to our organization from the start. He was able to tackle a variety of complex challenges in a very short period of time. I am excited for him to serve the City in this leadership role.”

Both Rosales and Miga will assume their new roles effective immediately.

For more information on the Bastrop Fire Department and the Information Technology Department, visit www.cityofbastrop.org.

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